

# St Pius X Catholic School

## 16th March 2017 Newsletter# 7

To learn Love  
To Learn Wisdom  
The Way We Are



Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui kia koutou.

Our values for the next two weeks are Humility and Gentleness taken from the third verse of the beatitudes 'Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth'.

**Thank you** to the four people who attended the meeting on Tuesday evening to look at fundraising for our playgrounds. They have come up with great ideas so keep your eyes on the newsletter for updates. Ideas such as a Cultural Food Festival (Term 4), Disco (Term 3), selling Juicies and in winter milo, family movie night (at school). If you have other ideas please email me [principal@stpius.school.nz](mailto:principal@stpius.school.nz) or, if you want to help, our next meeting is in the last week of term, Monday 10 April 7.00pm in the staffroom.

**Reminder:** Please return your parent interview preferred time sheet to the school office as soon as possible. Parent Interviews are on Thursday 30 March from 1.00pm.

**Absences:** If your child is going to be absent *please* let us know first thing in the morning. It is very time consuming for Mrs Dunford to be ringing parents each day. For our children's safety and Mrs Dunford's sanity, please either ring and leave a message - 843.6554, email the school-[info@stpius.school.nz](mailto:info@stpius.school.nz) or use the school's app to let us know. Thank you to those parents who always let us know.

God Bless

Jane Rutherford

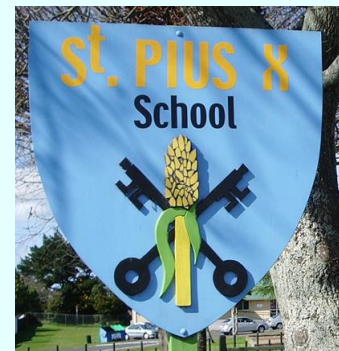
### Calendar of Events

#### March

- Wednesday 22nd ➤ Mass Rooms 6 & 7
- Wednesday 29th ➤ Mass Rooms 4 & 5
- Board of Trustees meeting 7.00pm
- Thursday 30th ➤ Parent Interviews from 1.00pm

#### April

- Wednesday 1st ➤ School Mass
- 10—13 Holy Week School Easter Liturgies, 11.00am each day**
- Monday 10th Palm Sunday Rooms 1 & 2
- Tuesday 11th Holy Thursday Rooms 7 & 8
- Wednesday 12th Good Friday Rooms 3 & 4
- Thursday 13th Easter Sunday Rooms 4,5 & 6 - Last Day of Term 1



### Tupperware Fundraising

St Pius X has teamed up with Tupperware as a fundraising initiative for World Water Day to raise funds for our school. Forms have been sent home with each child and can be returned to school by the 24th March. Extra Tupperware catalogues are also available at the school office if you would like to browse the current range. 10% of sales from ANY purchase of Tupperware will go directly to our school. Please help make this fundraiser a success!



## Sacramental Programme 2017

The programme begins this Sunday 19 March 2017, commencing with preparation for the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation).

You can register your children at the school office.

They need to be 8 years old or older by 18 June A.D. 2017

Enquiries: Rebecca Weerasinghe 843 9656 / 021 0277 2650.



## Money Matters

The Invoice for School Payments was sent home to you the first week of Term.

Please pay this as soon as possible.

If you need another copy of the invoice please ask at the office. Phone 843 6554.

*Thank you to those who have paid already.*

### **Preferred methods of payment are:**

- Eftpos at the school office
- Online ASB123152-0175049-01. Reference your child's name and classroom number.
- You may still pay by cheque or cash at the school office.



## School Banking

First Credit Union banking at St Pius X School is each Thursday.

Starter Packs are available from the school office.

It is good to encourage our children to save a little each week



## Speech and Drama at St Pius X School

Speech and Drama lessons began on Monday 13 February at St Pius X School at 1.30pm. *It is not too late to enrol.*

These classes focus on spoken communication skills, including poetry speaking, impromptu speaking,

prepared talks, reading aloud, drama games and voice work to improve the way we talk. During the year the children will be prepared to sit an Oral Communication Assessment which involves a prepared talk and speaking poetry and at a more advanced level, reading aloud. Classes are open to children of any age. Speech and drama lessons are \$12.00 per lesson per child. Please contact Margaret Evans phone 07 843 5656 or email me at [mmaryt@hotmail.com](mailto:mmaryt@hotmail.com)

## OPEN DAY TRACK AND ROAD CYCLING



**Do you enjoy riding your bike?  
Ever thought cycling could be your sport?  
Come and have a go, and find out more about  
this exhilarating sport**

**Saturday, 18th March 2017, 10am-12noon**  
*Hillcrest Velodrome,  
cnr Wairere Drive & Cambridge Roads*

Bring your bike and helmet.  
Experience what it's like to race on the track with  
Coaches and experienced Cyclists to assist you

For more information or any questions please contact  
[sng@hbhs.school.nz](mailto:sng@hbhs.school.nz)

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## Melville Junior Rugby Players Weigh-In

Every Wednesday night during March,  
4.30pm - 6.00pm. at the Melville Rugby Club,  
Collins Road. For more information check our  
facebook page [Melville Junior Rugby](#).

COOLING DOWN FOR SUMMER

## SPORTS DRINKS

Sports drinks were originally designed for elite endurance athletes.

When participating in sports or any activity the best drink is water.

1 bottle of sports drink = 11tsp sugar



Developed by Sport Waikato 2016

### **Information Sheet on Vision and Hearing Checks in School**

Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school next week.

The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects.

#### **Which children are routinely checked?**

- Catch up screening for children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their B4 School Check
- Children absent from previous visit, require retests or follow up
- In special circumstances, parents, teachers or others may request a vision or hearing check
- New immigrants

#### **What tests are carried out?**

##### Ears

- Audiometry (hearing test)
- Tympanometry – middle ear function test (only carried out when hearing test is not within a normal range)

##### Eyes

Long distance vision tests – not a complete visual examination, but a simple screening test

*NB All of these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.*

#### **The Vision Hearing Technician will:**

- Notify parents of all test results
- Enter results on Ministry of Education database (Enrol)

The Vision Hearing Technician will obtain personal details from the school ie; names, date of birth.

If the technician needs to contact parents or caregivers following the visit, addresses and phone

numbers will also be required.

Our Service may share this information with other health professionals involved in the children's care.

**If any parents/caregivers do not want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school know.**